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KABUL DEPLOYMENT AREA NORTHWEST, AFGHANISTAN (S)

1. (S/D) Kabul Deployment Area Northwest [ ] is on the northwest edge of Kabul, Afghanistan. This deployment area, first observed in early January 1980, is one of the major bivouacs for Soviet forces in Afghanistan. [ ]
2. (S/D) The deployment area consisted of eight separate areas—a main bivouac area, a motor transport unit area, a maintenance unit area, a 57mm antiaircraft battery, a command post and communications center, a field hospital, one probable reconnaissance battalion area, and a POL storage area (Figure 1).
3. (S/D) The main bivouac area is on the southern edge of the deployment area and contained a large tent camp and a vehicle park. One tank regiment with two 122mm howitzer M-30 batteries attached, one artillery regiment equipped with one 152mm self-propelled howitzer M-1973 battalion and two 122mm howitzer M-30 battalions, and one multiple rocket launcher battalion were in the vehicle park.
4. (S/D) The motor transport unit area is on the northern edge of the deployment area and contained two vehicle parks, a tent camp, and a general supply and storage area.
5. (S/D) The maintenance unit area is in the center of the deployment area and contained three tent camps and two vehicle parks.
6. (S/D) The 57mm antiaircraft battery was deployed next to the maintenance unit area in the center of the deployment area.
7. (S/D) The command post and communications center is just north of the main bivouac area and contained two rows of vehicles, each consisting of seven probable radio van trucks. The communications center was fence secured.
8. (S/D) The field hospital is in the center of the deployment area, adjacent to the communications center, and contained six USB-56 temporary medical tents (40 man) and three UST-56 medical tents (five to six man). These tents were interconnected to form three operating room tents each consisting of two USB-56 tents and one UST-56 tent.
9. (S/D) The probable reconnaissance battalion area is at the northwest corner of the deployment area and contained a tent camp and two vehicle parks.
10. (S/D) The POL storage area is just south of the motor transport area and contained collapsible fuel bladders and POL storage tanks. The estimated capacity in the POL storage area was 2,630,000 liters.
11. (S/D) As a result of the partial withdrawal of Soviet troops, changes in the disposition of units were observed in the main bivouac area. The tank regiment vacated its usual bivouac [ ] and a BMP (armored personnel carrier)-equipped motorized rifle battalion was newly identified in the vacated area [ ]

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